

## **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed August 17, 2005 (Paper No. 08152005). Upon entry of this response, claims 1-4 and 9-24 are pending in the application. In this response, claims 25-27 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments being filed herewith be entered and request that there be reconsideration of all pending claims.

### 1. **Restriction Requirement**

The Office Action alleges that claims 25-27 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed, and also indicates that claims 25-27 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. (Office Actin, p. 2.) Claims 25-27 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to present withdrawn claims 25-27, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Applicant does not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

### 2. **Allowable Subject Matter**

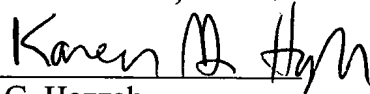
Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-4 and 9-24. Applicant has amended claim 4 to correct a typographical error. Applicant has also cancelled the withdrawn claims, and respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and presently pending claims 1-4 and 9-24 be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicant's response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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